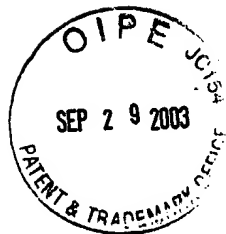




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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Appl. No. 09/017,524; Filed: February 3, 1998  
For: **HLA Binding Peptides and Their Uses**  
Inventors: KUBO *et al.*  
Our Ref: 2060.005000B/HCC/PAC

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Request for Consideration of Unpublished Copending Applications;
2. Copies of Form PTO-1449 (2 pages) citing unpublished copending applications;  
and
3. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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